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To: Brad Mettam/D09/Caltrans/CAGov@DOT  
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Subject: Re: Yucca Mountain Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation 

At the least we should be commenting consistently (and at every opportunity) about the need for DOE to mitigate impacts to transportation associated with Site Suitability determination. We realize that the CHP has route designation authority so our comment letters should be cc'd to them. Ongoing communication with them, the County and the State needs to occur. We will now have an engineering study/scoping document that shows mitigation that will be necessary should SR 127 be used. I want to keep this in front of everyone. Thank you, Katy  
Brad Mettam



Brad Mettam  
09/12/2001 05:12 PM


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I'm going to have to work from memory here. The TSPA is an iterative process that examines the various components of the waste isolation system over the containment period. I have never seen TSPA applied to the transportation of the waste.

Katy Walton on 09/10/2001 04:57:56 PM



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What does the Total System Performance Assessment process do; when does it occur; and will it

adequately address transportation issues?  
Brad Mettam



Brad Mettam  
09/10/2001 10:21 AM

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I've reviewed the file, and have been unable to locate any comment letter that we may have sent directly to DOE. I have reviewed the Yucca Mountain Science and Engineering Report and the Yucca Mountain Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation. Neither document directly addresses transportation, due to the way DOE has revised the regulations for determining site suitability.

When the original regulations were developed (after the 1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act) they were written to allow the comparison of the relative merits of different sites. They included assessments of the ability of the transportation system to accommodate shipments to a repository. Following the 1987 amendment to the NWSA, DOE took the position that they needed to revise the site suitability determination regulations, as Congress had directed them to study only Yucca Mountain as a potential repository. The proposed regulations they have issued do not address transportation, and remove many of the absolute disqualifiers, relying instead on a process called Total System Performance Assessment.

The Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation is written to comply with these proposed regulations (10 CFR 963.16) and therefore does not address transportation. There are implications in the document that relate to transportation (such as the blending of "hot" and "cold" waste) but nothing explicit for us to comment on. I've discussed this document with Bill Costa, who is not planning on gathering statewide comments. How do you want us to handle this?

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Please see if we commented directly to the draft supplemental. . . Let's be sure to comment on the Prelim Site evaluation.

Brad Mettam



Brad Mettam  
09/07/2001 05:03 PM

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I've put a copy of this email in the file for our records.

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Bill Costa  
09/05/2001 07:45 AM

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I didn't send anything, because I didn't hear from anyone. Thanks for checking.  
Brad Mettam



Brad Mettam  
09/04/2001 04:46 PM

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Bill,

Did you send formal comments in on the Draft Supplemental EIS for Yucca Mountain (file #410)? If so, I'd appreciate it if you would email a copy to me.

Also, we just received the Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation. I haven't had a chance to scan it for transportation-related information, but I was wondering if you planned to do a group comment effort on this one as well.

Please let me know,

Brad